

HOUSE BILL 9015

By Lamar

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49,  
relative to uniform standards for face covering  
requirements in schools due to COVID-19.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 2, Part 2, is amended by  
adding the following as a new section:

A local board of education may adopt a policy requiring all students, teachers,  
and staff to wear a face covering on school property to reduce the spread of COVID-19.  
If a local board of education adopts such a policy, then the local board of education shall  
revise its dress code or code of conduct as necessary to establish that wearing a face  
covering in response to COVID-19 is an appropriate and expected form of dress or attire  
for the LEA's students, teachers, and staff.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 13, is amended by adding  
the following as a new section:

A public charter school governing body may adopt a policy requiring all students,  
teachers, and staff to wear a face covering on school property to reduce the spread of  
COVID-19. If a public charter school governing body adopts such a policy, then the  
governing body shall revise its dress code or code of conduct as necessary to establish  
that wearing a face covering in response to COVID-19 is an appropriate and expected  
form of dress or attire for the public charter school's students, teachers, and staff.

SECTION 3. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.